

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims attached to the International Preliminary Report On Patentability as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for correcting humidity measurement results of a radiosonde in respect to errors resulting from radiative heat exchange, the radiosonde comprising at least a humidity sensor and a temperature sensor, ~~characterised in that the method comprises the steps of comprising:~~

determining correction values for humidity measurement results in different environmental conditions, said correction values being organized in a beforehand formed (10) data structure (20) or calculated by means of a beforehand determined mathematical function, said environmental conditions being determined as a function of at least one environmental conditions parameter, said environmental conditions parameter being a variable having an effect in the environment of the humidity sensor and said correction values being determined so that they correct errors resulting from radiative heat exchange,

measuring (12) environmental humidity  $U_m$  with said humidity sensor,

determining a current value of at least one environmental conditions parameter,

measuring (11) the environmental temperature  $T_T$  with said temperature sensor,

calculating (13) humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$ , by means of said measured

environmental temperature  $T_T$  and said correction values, which are differences  $\Delta T_U$  between the measured environmental temperature  $T_T$  and the humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$  and correspond to the determined current value of said at least one environmental conditions parameter, and

calculating (14) error-corrected humidity  $U$  by means of the calculated humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$ , the measured environmental temperature  $T_T$  and the measured environmental humidity  $U_m$ .

2. (currently amended) A The method according to claim 1, ~~characterised in that~~ wherein said environmental conditions parameter relates to at least one variable affecting the humidity measurement result, such as pressure, environmental temperature, humidity, location altitude of the radiosonde, sounding time of the radiosonde, intensity of solar radiation, solar elevation angle, location of the radiosonde on the globe or ascending speed of the radiosonde.

3. (currently amended) A The method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein said differences  $\Delta T_U$  between the environmental temperature  $T_T$  and the humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$  are determined based on comparison measurements.

4. (currently amended) A The method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein said differences  $\Delta T_U$  between the environmental temperature  $T_T$  and the humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$  are determined as a function of air pressure  $P$  and solar elevation angle  $h$ .

5. (currently amended) A The method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~ ~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein said differences  $\Delta T_U$  between the environmental temperature  $T_T$  and the humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$  are determined as a function of

saturation humidity  $r_h$  dependent on temperature and of air pressure  $P$ .

6. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterised in that the method comprises~~ claim 1, further comprising:

error-correcting the measured environmental temperature  $T_T$  before calculating the  
humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$ , and

using the error-corrected environmental temperature  $T_T$  in calculating the humidity sensor  
temperature  $T_U$  and the error-corrected humidity  $U$ .

7. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$  is calculated in the  
following way:

$$T_U = T_T + k_U \cdot \Delta T_U, \text{ in which}$$

$T_T$  = environmental temperature measured with temperature sensor advantageously error-  
corrected,

$k_U$  = ventilation factor in relation to a nominal value, and

$\Delta T_U$  = difference between environmental temperature and humidity sensor temperature in current  
environmental conditions.

8. (currently amended) ~~A~~ The method according to ~~any one of the preceding claims,~~  
~~characterised in that~~ claim 1, wherein the error-corrected humidity  $U$  is determined in the  
following way:

$$U = \frac{e(T_T)}{e_w(T_T)} \cdot 100 = \frac{e_w(T_U)}{e_w(T_T)} \cdot U_m, \text{ in which}$$

$T_T$  = environmental temperature measured with temperature sensor advantageously error-corrected,

$T_U$  = humidity sensor temperature,

$U_m$  = measured humidity,

$e_w(T_U)$  = partial pressure of saturated water vapour in temperature  $T_U$ ,

$e_w(T_T)$  = partial pressure of saturated water vapour in temperature  $T_T$ , and

$e(T_T)$  = actual vapour pressure in temperature  $T_T$ .

9. (currently amended) A data processing device (30) for correcting humidity measurement results of a radiosonde in respect to errors resulting from radiative heat exchange, the radiosonde comprising at least a humidity sensor and a temperature sensor, characterised by the data processing device comprising:

a memory (33) comprising correction values for humidity measurement results in different environmental conditions, said correction values being organized in a beforehand formed data structure (35) or calculated by means of a beforehand determined mathematical function stored in the memory (33), said environmental conditions being determined as a function of said at least one environmental conditions parameter, said environmental conditions parameter being a variable having an effect in the environment of the humidity sensor and said correction values being determined so that they correct errors resulting from radiative heat exchange,

receiving means (32) for receiving environmental humidity  $U_m$  measured with said humidity sensor and receiving environmental temperature  $T_T$  measured with said temperature

sensor and receiving the current value of at least one environmental conditions parameter, and calculation means (31, 34) for calculating the humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$  by means of said measured environmental temperature  $T_T$  and said correction values, which are differences  $\Delta T_U$  between the measured environmental temperature  $T_T$  and the humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$  and correspond to the current value of said at least one environmental conditions parameter and for calculating error-corrected humidity  $U$  by means of the calculated humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$ , the measured environmental temperature  $T_T$  and the measured environmental humidity  $U_m$ .

10. (currently amended) A The data processing device according to claim 9, characterised in that said data processing device is located in said radiosonde.

11. (original) A computer program which provides a routine for correcting humidity measurement results of a radiosonde in respect to errors resulting from radiative heat exchange when running said computer program, the radiosonde comprising at least a humidity sensor and a temperature sensor, and said computer program communicating with

a memory comprising correction values for humidity measurement results in different environmental conditions, said correction values being organized in a beforehand formed data structure or calculated by means of a beforehand determined mathematical function stored in the memory, said environmental conditions being determined as a function of at least one environmental conditions parameter, said environmental conditions parameter being a variable having an effect in the environment of the humidity sensor and said correction values being determined so that they correct errors resulting from radiative heat exchange, said computer

program comprising:

a program code for receiving environmental humidity  $U_m$  measured with said humidity sensor and receiving environmental temperature  $T_T$  measured with said temperature sensor and receiving the current value of at least one environmental conditions parameter, and

a program code for calculating the humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$  by means of the measured environmental temperature  $T_T$  and said correction values, which are differences  $\Delta T_U$  between the measured environmental temperature  $T_T$  and the humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$  and correspond to the current value of said at least one environmental conditions parameter and for calculating error-corrected humidity  $U$  by means of the calculated humidity sensor temperature  $T_U$ , the measured environmental temperature  $T_T$  and the measured environmental humidity  $U_m$ .

12. (currently amended) A The computer program according to claim 11, stored in a storage medium.